

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
SECOND CONVENTION OF THE SYNOD OF KANSAS
OF THE
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH,

Convened at Atchison, from April 2nd to 5th. 1869

FIRST SESSION.

APRIL 2nd, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Synod assembled in the Evangelical Lutheran hall, in the charge of Rev. M. G. Boyer.

The roll of the clerical members was called.

The lay delegates in attendance presented their certificates and were recognized as members of this convention of the Synod.

On motion, Rev. J. G. Groenmiller, of Atchison county, Mo., Rev. H. B. Belmer and Rev. C. F. W. Treptow, of Lawrence, Kan., Rev. F. R. Scherer, of Waterville, Kan., and Rev. D. Earhart, of Pardee, Kan., were received as members of the Synod, on condition that they present their honorable dismissals from their respective Synods, at their earliest convenience, to the president.

List of clerical and lay members of this convention of the Synod:

CLERICAL DELEGATES—Rev. John G. Ellinger, Pardee, Kan.; Rev. David Earhart, Pardee, Kan.; Rev. J. B. McAfee, Topeka, Kan.; Rev. F. R. Scherer, Waterville, Kan.; J. G. Groenmiller, Atchison county, Mo.; Rev. C. F. W. Treptow, Lawrence, Kan.; Rev. S. P. Harrington, Grasshopper Falls, Kan.; Rev. A. W. Wagenhals, Kansas City, Mo.; Rev. A. J. Hesson, Topeka, Kan.; Rev. H. B. Belmer, Lawrence, Kan.; Rev. E. J. Keplinger, Tipton, Mo.; Rev. M. G. Boyer, Atchison, Kan.

LAY DELEGATES—Bro. G. W. Crotzer, Grasshopper Falls, Kan.; Bro. C. R. Coleman, Kansas City, Mo.; Bro. J. H. Tal-

bott, Atchison, Kan.; John D. Shull, Topeka, Kan.; Bro. S. J. H. Snyder, Monrovia, Kan.

ADVISORY MEMBERS—Rev. D. S. Altman, Lutheran Church; Rev. E. Cooper, Presbyterian Church; Rev. D. H. Fisher, M. E. Church; Rev. J. M. Van Wagner, Congregational Church; Bro. Robert Weidensall, agent Young Men's Christian Association.

The courtesy of the Synod was extended to the regular and advisory members of the Synod who desired to express their feelings with reference to the propriety of this Synod adopting as its basis Luther's Smaller Catechism and the Augsburg confession.

Rev. C. F. W. Treptow being a regular minister in a German church at Lawrence, but without any Synodical connection anywhere, asked to be excused from the necessity of presenting a certificate of dismission.

On motion, Bro. Treptow's case was referred to a special committee of three. Committee—Revs. A. W. Wagenhals and A. J. Hesson and Bro. S. J. H. Snyder.

The president then read his report, which was referred to an appropriate committee. (See report in appendix.)

An election of officers was held, with the following result:

President—Rev. M. G. Boyer.

Secretary—Rev. E. J. Keplinger.

Treasurer—Rev. A. W. Wagenhals.

The minutes of the first convention were then referred to a committee. Committee—Revs. S. P. Harrington and H. B. Belmer, and Bro. G. W. Crotzer.

The papers for Synod and ministerium were called for, and referred to their appropriate committees.

Synod adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock P. M. Prayer by Rev. A. J. Hesson.

SECOND SESSION.

APRIL 2nd, 2 o'clock P. M.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by Rev. D. S. Altman. The minutes were read and approved.

The committee to which was referred the application of Bro. C. F. W. Treptow, reported unanimously recommending his name at once to be placed on the roll of the Synod. The report was adopted.

Committee No. 3 reported: That the document placed in its hands was a catalogue of Mendota College; and after examination report indications of prosperity, and commends the institution to

the Western churches, as a suitable place to educate their sons and daughters.

Committee No. 1 reported. The report recommends the payment of the expenses of the president and secretary incurred in procuring the necessary stationery, &c. Adopted.

Committee No. 2 reported. The report was, on motion, laid on the table.

VACANT CHURCHES.—Bro. Snyder, of Monrovia, presented the wishes of the church at that place. It was, on motion, referred to the mission committee.

Committee on minutes of the last session reported certain items claiming the attention of this convention. The report was considered and, on motion, adopted.

The committee on drafting a constitution reported. The report was considered by sections and adopted. (For changes and amendments see protocol.)

Synod adjourned to meet at a ministerium at 5 o'clock P. M. Prayer by Rev. D. Earhart.

THIRD SESSION.

APRIL 3rd, 9 o'clock A. M.

Synod met, and after a short session of devotional exercises, the regular session was opened with prayer by Rev. F. R. Scherer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

On motion, Bro. C. R. Coleman was excused from further attendance upon this convention.

The committee on the president's report offered their report, which was duly considered and adopted.

Committee No. 5 reported: That the document placed in its hands was a letter from Rev. D. Sprecher, of Dongola, Ill., stating that a Lutheran colony is about to locate in southeast Kansas, and that the Synod see that some missionary be sent to that place. The matter was referred to the care of the missionary committee.

The report was adopted.

Committee No. 7 reported: That the paper placed in its hands was a letter from Rev. H. Heigerd, sending his fraternal greetings to this Synod, and asking to be excused for non-attendance. The committee recommend that inasmuch as Bro. Heigerd is not a member of this Synod we have no authority to demand his presence, and hence have no power to excuse him for non-attendance; and hope he will soon unite with this body.

The report was adopted.

Synod adjourned until after preparatory services in the afternoon. Prayer by Rev. S. P. Harrington.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
FOURTH SESSION.

3½ o'clock P. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. C. F. W. Treptow.

The minutes were read and approved.

Committee No. 8 reported: That the matter placed in their hands has already been reported upon in connection with Mendota College, by committee No. 4.

This report was adopted.

On motion, Bro. R. Weidensall, agent of the Young Men's Christian Association, was asked to favor the Synod with a few remarks upon the great subject connected with his mission.

After listening to his able and interesting remarks, the following was offered for the action of the Synod, by Rev. D. S. Altman:

Resolved, That this Synod has heard with pleasure the agent of the Young Men's Christian Association, touching the object and claims of said association, and take great pleasure in commending him and the blessed cause in which he is engaged to the favorable consideration of all Christian communities.

Adopted.

Committee No. 10 reported: That the document placed in their hands is a copy of the minutes of the eighteenth annual convention of the Synod of Northern Illinois. Your committee learn from it that the brethren are zealously engaged in their Master's work.

The report was adopted.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed, including the secretary, to attend to the publication of the minutes of the first and second conventions, and also of the constitution of this Synod. Revs. A. W. Wagenhals and J. B. McAfee were appointed said committee—including also the secretary.

Rev. F. R. Scherer offered the following:

Resolved, That the president of the Synod be instructed to correspond with the president of the board of directors of Mendota College, and elicit all the information connected with its present financial condition, the value of its present property, and of its future prospects, and report at the next meeting of the Synod, when final action shall be taken in relation to the same.

Adopted.

Synod adjourned to meet after services this evening. Prayer by Rev. H. B. Belmer.

FIFTH SESSION.

APRIL 3rd.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. D. S. Altman.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The missionary committee report: In accordance with the

instructions of the Synod, your committee recommended and effected a division of the Monrovia charge. By a joint meeting of the two churches comprising said charge, it was unanimously agreed to divide the same. Three hundred dollars were secured from the missionary society to aid the missionary, Rev. S. P. Harrington, at Grasshopper Falls. The committee recommend to the further care of the Synod the points Monrovia, Muscotah, Ottawa, Salina, Effingham, &c.

Adopted.

Monrovia was referred to the care of the missionary committee.

On motion, Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church was united to the pastorate of Lawrence.

Rev. A. J. Hesson was instructed to visit Medina and organize and unite it to the pastorate of Topeka.

Rev. D. S. Altman was requested in his travels in southeast Kansas to visit Ottawa and report to the mission committee the expediency of establishing a mission at that point.

On motion, the Waterville pastorate was admitted as an integral part of this Synod.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by Rev. D. Earhart.

SIXTH SESSION.

APRIL 5th.

Synod was opened with prayer by Bro. S. J. H. Snyder.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That we return our most sincere thanks to this church, its pastor, and the kind people of Atchison, for their general hospitality and friendly entertainment of this Synod; and long will we cherish our sojourn with them.

Adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a copy of the minutes of this Synod be sent to the president of every Synod in America, and by letter inform each of the fact, and request a copy of each Synod to be sent in before the next meeting of this Synod.

Adopted.

On motion, the secretary was instructed to send an abstract of the minutes of this convention to the Lutheran Observer and American Lutheran for publication.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That no minister of this Synod shall be permitted to take charge of any vacant congregation until all arrearages of salary are paid or satisfactorily settled with the former pastor.

Adopted.

In consequence of a complaint offered by Rev. J. G. Groenmiller against Rev. Nottel, for interfering with the former's charge, Rev. S. P. Harrington offered the following:

Resolved, That the president of the Synod be instructed to write to Rev. Nottel and invite him to unite with this Synod, and in case he cannot, that he request him to desist from interfering with Rev. J. G. Groenmiller's charge, and to plainly state that such a proceeding is in violation of the usages of the Lutheran Church in America; and to write to the charge of Rev. J. G. Groenmiller informing them that the latter is a minister in regular standing in this Synod.

Adopted.

Rev. A. W. Wagenhals gave notice that the resolution adopted, offered by Revs. D. Earhart and A. J. Hesson, will be offered as an amendment to chapter VI and section 4 of the constitution, at the next convention.

Rev. A. J. Hesson offered the following:

Resolved, That chapter XVI of the constitution be transferred to the preamble of the same.

Adopted.

Rev. A. W. Wagenhals gave notice that a change of the constitution would be proposed at the next convention—i. e. striking out section 6 of chapter X.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That this Synod recommend the Lutherischen Kirchenfreund to be introduced among its German reading members.

Adopted.

The petition of the Waterville Church for funds for making up their pastor's salary and completing their church, was referred to the mission committee.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Rev. J. G. Groenmiller be requested to prepare an abstract of proceedings of this convention for the German paper.

Adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the mission committee be instructed to visit all points asking aid before making any application for missionary appropriation.

Adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That every minister of this Synod be required to preach annually in each of his congregations, one sermon on Christian baptism, and one on the fundamental doctrines and usages of the Lutheran Church in America.

Adopted.

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The president then appointed an executive mission committee, as follows: Rev. A. J. Hesson, Topeka, Kan.; Rev. H. B. Belmer, Lawrence, Kan.; Rev. A. W. Wagenhals, Kansas City, Mo.

Rev. A. J. Hesson, of Topeka, and Mr. S. J. H. Snyder, of Monrovia, were elected delegates to represent this Synod in the General Synod.

Synod then adjourned, with prayer by Rev. A. W. Wagenhals, and singing the doxology.

•Praise God from whom all blessings flow." &c.

Thus ended a most profitable and pleasant convention of this young Synod.

E. J. KEPLINGER, Secretary.

APPENDIX.

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

Thursday evening, sermon by Rev. E. J. Keplinger; Friday evening, Synodical sermon, by Rev. S. P. Harrington; Saturday afternoon, sermon by Rev. A. W. Wagenhals; Saturday evening, on missions, by Rev. A. J. Hesson; Sabbath morning, communion, by Rev. A. J. Hesson; Sabbath afternoon, sermon by Rev. C. F. W. Treptow; Sabbath evening, sermon by Rev. A. W. Wagenhals; Sabbath morning, Presbyterian church, sermon by Rev. D. S. Altman, Sabbath evening, Presbyterian church, sermon by D. Earhart; Sabbath morning, M. E. church, sermon by Rev. J. B. McAfee; Sabbath evening, M. E. church, sermon by Rev. S. P. Harrington; Sabbath evening, Congregational church, sermon by Rev. E. J. Keplinger.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Dear brethren of the Kansas Synod: After a period of about five months of missionary toil and anxiety, we are permitted, through the goodness and mercy of our Heavenly Father, to meet the second time in Synodical convention. We are all yet alive. Not one of our number has fallen, for which we owe the Allwise Disposer of all things our highest praise and most heartfelt gratitude.

At the opening of this convention permit me to lay before you a report of my official acts during my term of office.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Soon after my return home from the last convention of this Synod, I addressed a fraternal reply to the letter of Rev. Father A. Reck, of Lancaster, Ohio, tendering to him the heartfelt gratitude and high appreciation of this body of the blessed words of encouragement from one so aged and full of experience in missionary labor and privations for the promotion of the Redeemer's kingdom.

I addressed letters of invitation to Revs. J. G. Groenmiller, D. Earhart, F. R. Scherer, and L. Ricksecker.

Rev. J. G. Groenmiller says in reply: "I am truly obliged to your Synod for the kind regard which its members have manifested toward me in inviting me to unite with them. I am a

German from the Fatherland, but by no means in favor of extreme symbolism. "I shall be happy to unite with you." He writes many other excellent and interesting things, which I have not here space to communicate.

Rev. D. Earhart says in reply: "The explanation of the Kansas Synod is ample and satisfactory, and their kind invitation appreciated, for which I return grateful thanks. But all my parishoners whom I consulted advised me to wait until the next meeting, when (D. V.) they will send a delegate to your convention, and they and I will both unite if the Synod plants itself on the Augsburg Confession and Luther's Smaller Catechism as its doctrinal basis." This is the letter in full, and will be submitted with the other official papers for the consideration of this body.

I have seen Rev. F. R. Scherer. He expressed himself so indefinitely that I am unable to report. I think, however, he will unite with us.

I also had a reply and saw our brother Rev. L. Ricksecker. He rejoices that God has permitted him to live to see the time when a Synod is organized on the doctrinal basis of the General Synod in the States of Kansas and Missouri, and prays that God may give him bodily strength to meet with us at this convention. He also expects to unite with the same.

By request of Rev. J. B. McAfee, and the concurrence of the Synod, I addressed a letter to Rev. J. F. Kuhlman, requesting him to furnish us a copy of the minutes of a conference of the Lutheran ministers of Kansas and Nebraska, held May 26th, 1865, at Monrovia, Atchison county, Kan., with a book of record, for which Rev. J. B. McAfee furnished the money (\$5 00). He replies and says: "I remember that Bro. McAfee gave \$5 00 for procuring a book of record, but if my memory is not at fault, Bro. Kuhns has the money; and as to the book, it was never bought. I shall write to Bro. Kuhns about it, and between us will doubtless succeed in furnishing the amount. As to the records, they are in my hands, but are in such a condition, being on loose pieces of paper, written with a pencil, that they would be unintelligible. If my time would permit, I might make up a copy and send it."

VACANT CHURCHES AND MISSION FIELDS.

On January 30th, in accordance with a recommendation of the last meeting of the Synod, the joint council of the Monrovia charge met and unanimously dissolved the connection heretofore existing between the Monrovia and Grasshopper Falls churches. Accordingly I delivered my valedictory address as pastor of the Monrovia church on the 31st day of the month aforesaid. This church is, therefore, without a regular pastor. Rev. H. Higder has been supplying the same. The Synod should make some provisions for the supply of this church until they can procure a pastor.

Effingham is a point where we should have a Lutheran church. The families (a few only excepted) around the place are Lutherans, or are inclined to our church. They are well to do. A church of our denomination would have a commanding influence over the entire community. If our people do not build, some

other church will, which would greatly embarrass our interests. Monrovia and Effingham could extend their influence greatly for good, and would make a pleasant charge. Arington is a point that might be taken up in connection with this charge.

Lawrence is about to have a pastor—Rev. H. B. Belmer. It is hoped Medina can be supplied by the pastor at Lawrence. They are very anxious to have preaching.

I visited Ottawa, Franklin county, Kan., and found it a very enterprising town of twenty-five hundred inhabitants, and about twenty or twenty-five Lutherans in and about town. Others are expected. We should have a missionary at this point. Other churches are pushing their enterprises vigorously. Time and space will not permit me to report further on these vacant places.

This whole country is one vast missionary field. My heart grows earnest when I think of what there is to do, and the lack of funds to carry on the work. May the Lord, to whom belongeth the cattle upon a thousand hills, open the hearts of his rich stewards and constrain them to help us in this our time of need. Our want is not so much men as money. If we had the money, we would have the men.

Now, in conclusion, my brethren, I thank you for the honor you have conferred on me in electing me to the office of president of this Synod. May the blessings of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit rest upon us in the deliberations of this convention. May we be able to devise wise and liberal things for His Church. Our sacrifices are great, our labor arduous; but let us never falter; let us be valiant soldiers of the Cross. We have the promise that in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

Respectfully submitted,

S. P. HARRINGTON,
President of Synod.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE THIRD CONVENTION OF THE SYNOD OF KANSAS OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH,

Convened at Kansas City, Mo., from October 6th to 10th, 1869.

According to adjournment the Synod of Kansas and adjacent States met at Kansas City, Mo., on Wednesday evening, October 6th, 1869. Rev. M. G. Boyer, president, preached the Synodical sermon.

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, 9 o'clock A. M.

After spending half an hour in prayer, the Synod was opened by singing the 895th hymn, and prayer by the president.

The roll was called, and the certificates of lay delegates were received.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

Ordained Ministers—Post office address.—aRev. J. G. Ellinger, Pardee, Kan.; aRev. David Earhart, Pardee, Kan.; †Rev. Chas. Martin, St. Joseph, Mo.; Rev. J. B. McAfee, Topeka, Kan.; aRev. F. R. Scherer, Waterville, Kan.; Rev. S. P. Harrington, Grasshopper Falls, Kan.; Rev. H. B. Belmer, Lawrence, Kan.; Rev. J. G. Groenmiller; Rev. C. F. W. Treptow, Lawrence, Kan.; †Rev. Levi Ricksecker, Ottawa, Kan.; Rev. A. J. Hesson, Topeka, Kan.; aRev. A. W. Wagenhals, Atchison, Kan.; Rev. E. J. Kepingler, Tipton, Mo.; Rev. M. G. Boyer, Atchison, Kan.

(NOTE.—a absent; † admitted this convention.)

Lay Members—H. Schell, Kansas City, Mo.; A. P. Benson, Topeka, Kan.; J. G. Schmucker, Lawrence, Kan.; C. Weber, Atchison, Kan.

Rev. C. Martin handed in his certificate of honorable dismissal from the Maryland Synod, and on motion, was cordially received as a member of this Synod.

The president then read the report of his official acts, and, on motion, it was laid on the table for future consideration.

The election of officers being in order, Rev. A. J. Hesson and Mr. J. G. Schmucker were appointed tellers.

The following result was reported:

President—Rev. A. J. Hesson.

Secretary—Rev. S. P. Harrington.

Treasurer—Rev. J. G. Groenmiller.

Rev. Henry Bishop, of the Maryland Synod, being present was, on motion, admitted as an advisory member of this body.

The minutes of the last convention were then referred to a committee of three for investigation and report. Committee—Revs. J. B. McAfee and M. G. Boyer, and Bro. J. G. Schmucker.

The papers properly belonging to the Synod were called for, and were, on motion, referred to their respective committees.

On motion, Synod adjourned to meet this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Martin.

SECOND SESSION.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. E. J. Keplinger.

The committee on the minutes of the last convention offered their report. The report was, on motion, referred back to the committee.

On motion, Saturday morning after the opening of the session was fixed as the time for the members of the Synod to hand in their parochial reports.

Vacant congregations, or churches, were then called for. Dry Branch, Richardson county, Neb., McElroy, Richardson county, Neb., and Kansas City, Mo., were reported vacant. On motion, they were referred to the care of the missionary committee.

The committee on the proceedings of the last convention submitted the following:

The committee into whose hands the minutes of the last convention of this Synod were placed, would report that it finds nothing in them claiming the attention of this body, except to inquire: Item 1st, page 21—Whether Rev. D. S. Altman has reported to the missionary committee with reference to his mission to south-

eastern Kansas? Item 2nd, page 22—Has the committee on publication attended to its duty? Item 3rd, page 24—Has the mission committee seen to the wants of vacant congregations? Item 4th, page 25—Has Rev. A. J. Hesson organized at Medina? Item 5th, page 27—Has a copy of the minutes been sent to the different Synods, requesting an exchange?

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. MCAFFEE,
M. G. BOYER,
J. G. SCHMUCKER.

The report was adopted.

The treasurer's report was then read, and referred to an appropriate committee.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by Rev. H. Bishop.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, 9 o'clock A. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. M. G. Boyer.

The minutes of the former sessions were read and approved.

Committee No. 7 reported: Your committee to which was referred the circular of the Lutheran Publication Society, and the letter of its president, respectfully report. The object of this letter and circular is two fold:

First. To call the attention of ministers and members of the church within the bounds of this Synod to the importance of the publication society as an agency in the church's work of extending the kingdom of Christ and building up the people of God in their most holy faith, by furnishing a permanent means of instruction and edification, through the publication and circulation of a sound Christian literature.

Second. To seek for the publication society a place among the contributions of the church, both our statistical table and benefactions of our people.

Your committee would recommend the passage of the following minute:

Resolved, That we recommend the publication society to the confidence and beneficence of our church members.

Resolved, That a column in our statistical table be appropriated for the acknowledgement of contributions of our churches to that particular object.

C. MARTIN, Chairman.

Adopted.

Committee No. 1, on president's report, report as follows: Your committee to whom the president's report and the accompanying documents were referred, would report the following as embracing all the points that in their judgment require any action from this Synod:

1st. *Resolved*, That the vacancy which occurred by the resignation of Rev. A. W. Wagenhals as pastor of the Kansas City mis-

sion, be duly considered, and that at the request of said mission provision be made for their supply until a permanent pastor can be secured.

2nd. Resolved, That with reference to the Mendota College matter, this Synod appoint three delegates to attend such convention as may be called to determine the location of such institution.

3rd. Resolved, That all the official acts of the report of the president be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. KEPLINGER,
J. G. GROENMILLER,
C. WEBER.

The report was considered item by item. Item 1st was stricken out. Item 2nd was referred to the afternoon session. Item 3rd was adopted.

The delegate to the General Synod then submitted the following report:

Your delegate to the twenty-fourth convention of the General Synod of the Lutheran Church, held at the city of Washington, May, 1869, begs leave to submit the following report. Heretofore the Synod of Kansas not being formally connected with the General Synod, formal application was made by the delegate for admission into that body. The minutes and constitution of the Synod of Kansas, yet in manuscript form, with a history of the organization and progress of the Synod, were presented, and placed in the hands of a committee, composed of the following brethren: Rev. G. F. Stelling, Rev. S. Sprecher, D. D., Rev. N. West, Mr. J. A. Lawrence, and Mr. A. F. Ockershausen. The committee reported,

"That the Synod of Kansas was regularly organized in the city of Topeka, November, 1868, at which time a constitution of government and the doctrinal basis of the General Synod were formally adopted. At its second session, held in April last, an application to be received into connection with the General Synod was passed by the election of Rev. A. J. Hesson and Hon. S. J. H. Synder as delegates to the present convention of this body. As its doctrinal basis and constitution are in entire conformity to the basis of the General Synod, we recommend its reception as a component part of this body."

The report was unanimously adopted, and the secretary was instructed to enroll the name of this Synod, together with its delegates, upon the roll of the General Synod. The Synod of Kansas now stands in full connection, and I trust in full co-operation, with the General Synod.

The meeting of the last General Synod was one of special interest and importance. The attendance was large, and unusual harmony prevailed in all its deliberations. All the Synods entitled to representation were represented by delegates. The number of visitors was large, and delegates from a number of ecclesiastical bodies were present. The General Synod now holds correspondence with the following denominations: The German

Reformed Church, Old School Presbyterian Church, New School Presbyterian Church, Moravian Church, Congregational Church, Reformed Dutch Church, and United Presbyterian Church.

Among some of the most important business that was transacted by the General Synod was taking measures to issue a new edition of our hymn book, with not more than six hundred of the most devotional hymns contained in the present edition, and embracing in the same book the Augsburg confession, Catechism, constitution of the General Synod, formula of government, order of church service, and liturgy.

The German Church paper, called Kirchenfreund, received special attention, and received anew the pledge of the Synod of support and encouragement.

Our home and foreign missionary operations were transferred from the societies that had them in charge, to the Synod itself. This action, we trust, will make the General Synod a more vigorous missionary body. The Synod appointed a board of missions, and all the district Synods in connection with the General Synod are requested to appoint a committee to co-operate with this board. The General Synod asks the hearty sympathy and co-operation of all district Synods, that there may be more unity and concentration of our missionary efforts and operations.

In closing this report, your delegate would quote the conclusion of the report made by the Central Illinois Synod's delegation:

"The General Synod, though not complete in every quality of Christian character, is nevertheless a most hopeful organization of the Lutheran Church of America, and we deem ourselves called upon to urge a cheerful and hearty co-operation of all our churches and Synods under the auspices of this excellent and efficient central Synod of our denomination. We believe that under such an organization, centralizing the affections and Christian labors from our district Synods, and yet so constructed as not to repress the necessary diversities of gifts and services of the local churches and Synods, our Lutheran Zion is capable of aiding very powerfully in the noble work of human elevation, by converting men from darkness to light, and building up the kingdom of our Divine Lord and Redeemer Jesus Christ."

A. J. HESSON, Delegate of General Synod of 1869.

On motion the report was received and ordered incorporated in the proceedings of this convention.

Committee No. 5 reported as follows: Your committee to which was referred the circular of the Young Ladies Institute of St. Joseph, Mo., of which Rev. Charles Martin, M. D., is principal, would respectfully report that the document sets forth the design, course of instruction, tuition, &c., of said institution, and would therefore offer the following:

Resolved, That we, the members of the Synod of Kansas, from the well known character of the principal of the above institution, do hereby recommend the same to the favorable notice of the members of our churches and others.

Respectfully submitted,

S. P. HARRINGTON,
— SCHELL,
M. G. BOYER.

On motion, the report of the committee was unanimously adopted.

The chairman of the mission committee submitted the following report:

Your mission committee begs leave to present the following:

1st. The Monrovia charge, which had been declared vacant at the last meeting of the Synod, and referred to your committee, proposed to co-operate with the same in securing a pastor, but they expressed themselves satisfied to be supplied with ministers residing near by who did not have regular pastorates. So far as your committee is informed the charge is still without a pastor.

2nd. Waterville was referred to the committee. This point was recommended to the home mission society of the General Synod, Rev. F. R. Scherer is its pastor, and it promises to become an important station. They are building a church, and are in want of means to complete it. An application has been made to the church extension society for \$300, which would enable them to complete the house.

Rev. D. S. Altman, who has located at Ottawa, Kan., a point referred to this committee, requested that an application be made for aid to the home mission board to assist in starting a mission in that place. It was recommended to the attention of the board, and Rev. D. S. Altman was advised to acquaint the home mission board with the wants and prospects of the field.

3rd. The matter of employing Rev. C. F. W. Treptow as missionary to look after German interests, was also referred to the mission committee. The committee made several propositions to him, which he was not inclined to accept. A meeting of the committee was appointed to confer with him, but Rev. A. W. Wagenhals being unable to come, and Rev. Officer in the meantime coming West inspected the field and reported the prospects to the committee at York. The matter was therefore dropped.

A. J. HESSON,
H. B. BELMER.

This report was considered item by item. Item 1st was postponed to the consideration of vacant churches. Item 2nd was continued in the care of the mission committee.

The report was adopted.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by Rev. H. W. Kuhns.

FOURTH SESSION.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Martin

The minutes were read and approved.

In reference to the matter referred to in the letters of Dr. Hodge and Prof. Wynn, it was after due consideration,

Resolved, That this Synod respectfully declines the invitation to

appoint three commissioners to meet similar commissioners from other Synods to receive proposals to locate an educational institution in the West.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. Dr. Martin:

Resolved, That the treasurer purchase a book of record for the Synod; and also a blank book for the use of the treasurer, to be paid out of the funds of the Synod.

Adopted.

Rev. E. J. Keplinger presented his bill for incidental expenses as secretary of the Synod.

On motion, the bill was ordered paid.

Committee No. 3 reported: The committee to whom was referred a copy of the proceedings of Synod of Central Illinois for 1869, and a letter from Rev. C. Anderson, delegate of that body to this Synod, would respectfully report that the first document contains nothing requiring action.

The letter of Rev. C. Anderson contains his excuse for non-attendance, and calls the attention of the Synod to the educational convention held at Dixon, Illinois, which matter has already been disposed of by this body. Further, he brings to our attention the interests of the Scandinavians in our bounds, and promises to furnish two or three good and faithful men to labor among them. The committee recommend the following minute:

Resolved, That we regret the inability of Rev. C. Anderson to be with us, but reciprocate the action of the Synod of Central Illinois in the interchange of delegates.

The committee recommend that the president of the Synod open correspondence with Rev. C. Anderson with a view to supplying the wants of the Scandinavians.

H. B. BELMER, Chairman.

Adopted.

On motion, the treasurer was authorized to pay \$75 of the home mission funds into the treasury of the home mission society of the General Synod, to satisfy the pledge made by our delegate to the General Synod at its last session.

The Synod then entered into an election for a missionary committee, which resulted in the election of Rev. A. J. Hesson, of Topeka, Rev. C. Martin, of St. Joseph, and Bro. J. G. Schmucker, of Lawrence.

Committee No. 4 reported: That they examined the documents placed in their hands, and found them to be a letter signed by three members of the Church Council of the German Evangelical Lutheran congregation of Lawrence, Kan. The first item of said letter is an application of that congregation to be admitted into connection with this Synod. The second item contains a statement that the pastor, Rev. C. F. W. Treptow, has been severely ill, and is still not able to attend the Synod for want of health. Your committee offer the following for adoption:

Resolved, That inasmuch as the Evangelical Lutheran congregation of Lawrence is organized on the basis of the General Synod, that it be received into connection with this Synod.

In reference to the second item of that letter, we, as a Synod, tender our most heartfelt sympathy to Bro. Treptow in his severe affliction, and pray that our kind and merciful Father in Heaven may speedily restore his health and thus enable him soon again to prosecute the work of the ministry of our blessed Lord, and that he be excused from attendance at this Synod.

The second is also a letter signed by the Church Council of the First Evangelical Lutheran congregation of Richardson county, Neb., in which they make application to this Synod for admittance. Your committee offer the following:

Inasmuch as said congregation is in sympathy with the General Synod, having adopted the General Synod's constitution as their discipline, we therefore recommend that said congregation be received as an integral part of this body, and that this Synod use its influence to have them supplied with a pastor.

J. G. GROENMILLER,
E. J. KEPLINGER,
J. G. SCHMUCKER.

The report was adopted.

On motion, the German Lutheran congregational of Lawrence, Kan., and the First Lutheran congregation of Richardson county, Nebraska, were admitted into connection with this Synod.

Rev. D. S. Altman, of Ottawa, Kan., being introduced to the Synod, personally applied to be received as a member thereof.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Rev. D. S. Altman be received as a member of this Synod on condition that he procure his letter of honorable dismissal from the Synod of Iowa, and that so soon as he deposits such dismissal with the president of this Synod his name shall be enrolled among the members.

On motion, the First Evangelical Lutheran congregation of Richardson county, Nebraska, was referred to the mission committee.

An election of delegates to the sister Synods was then held with the following result: Rev. J. G. Groenmiller, delegate to the Iowa Synod; Rev. C. Martin, to the Synod of Northern Illinois; Rev. H. B. Belmer, to the Central Synod of Illinois; Rev. E. J. Keplinger, to the Synod of Southern Illinois.

On motion, the following preamble and resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, Bro. S. Tillett has been duly elected by the church councils of Tipton and Versailles, Mo., to attend as the delegate to the third convention of the Synod of Kansas, meeting October 6th 1869, at Kansas City, Mo.; and

WHEREAS, Sickness in his family made it impossible for him to attend; therefore be it

Resolved, That this Synod regrets the absence of this brother, and hereby excuse him for non-attendance.

E. J. KEPLINGER.

Adopted.

On motion, Bro. C. Weber was excused from further attendance upon this convention.

On motion, Rev. J. B. McAfee and Bro. A. P. Benson were excused from further attendance upon this convention.

Synod adjourned with prayer.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 9 o'clock A. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. H. Bishop.

The minutes of the former session were read and approved.

The parochial reports were then called for, which were read by the brethren as their names were called upon the roll.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod is gratified in hearing of the success of the Lutherische Kirchenfreund, and that we heartily commend it to the patronage of the German members of our churches within the bounds of this Synod.

The following preamble and resolutions were offered by Rev. M. G. Boyer:

WHEREAS, Intemperance is a great and growing evil, extending its baneful influence to all conditions of society, taking the bread from the hungry, bringing sorrow and affliction upon the innocent, reducing its victims to wretchedness and want here, and eternal misery and ruin hereafter; therefore

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Synod that the Scriptural doctrine with reference to the use of spiritous liquors is total abstinence, as a beverage, and that we, as ministers of the Truth, inculcate the same from the pulpit, through our Sabbath schools, and by all wise and proper measures to promote the same results.

Resolved, That we, as a Synod, discountenance the manufacture, sale, and use of all nostrums in the shape of bitters, domestic wines, or malt liquors, as a beverage.

Adopted.

The following was offered by Rev. D. S. Altman:

Resolved, That hereafter at our Synodical convention the afternoon of the Lord's day be devoted to the interests of the Sabbath school, and that the exercises shall consist of short appropriate addresses, singing, &c.

Adopted.

STANDING RULES.

Rule 1st. Every member of this Synod, both Clerical and Lay, is expected to be present at every session of the Synod, unless he be excused by a vote of the Synod.

Rule 2nd. At every annual or special convention of this Synod there shall be appointed a committee on leave of absence, to which all applications for leave of absence shall be made.

Adopted.

Resolved, That the treasurer of the Synod pay over to the treasurer of the home mission society of the General Synod all monies collected for that purpose at this convention.

Resolved, That all the funds collected for home mission purposes within the bounds of this Synod, be transmitted to the treasurer of the home mission society of the General Synod.

Adopted.

An election was entered into for the choice of the place of the next meeting of the Synod, which resulted in the choice of Lawrence.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. D. S. Altman.

SIXTH SESSION.

3½ O'CLOCK P. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. J. G. Groenmiller.

On motion, the first Wednesday of October, A. D., 1870, was chosen as the time for the next meeting of this Synod.

On motion, the secretary was ordered to have five hundred copies of the minutes, embracing the most important items of the two former and the present conventions, printed.

On motion, \$10 were appropriated to the use of the secretary for his services in transcribing and preparing the former minutes for publication.

Committee No. 2 reported: The papers placed in our hands are:
1st. A letter from Rev. A. W. Wagenhals, asking to be excused from attendance upon the Synod on account of the great distance he would have to travel.

2nd. A letter from Rev. F. R. Scherer, regretting his inability to be with us on account of the want of means. He also asks missionary aid.

Your committee recommend that these brethren be excused from attendance upon this convention, and that the request of Bro. Scherer be referred to the mission committee.

3rd, Is a letter from Rev. L. Ricksecker, asking to be excused from attending this convention. Says he is greatly afflicted; his family also is sick.

Resolved, That he be excused from attending this convention,

and that we sympathize with him and his family in their affliction.

M. G. BOYER,
J. S. SCHELL,
E. J. KEPLINGER.

Adopted.

The committee on the letter of Rev. D. Earhart presented the following report:

Your committee to whom was referred the letter from Rev. D. Earhart stating, 1st, The reason for his absence from Synod, (viz: sickness in his family,) and asking to be excused from attendance on Synod. He states that he has \$15 missionary money. He also requests that a certain clause in the constitution (in section 6, chapter X) be so amended as to operate equally upon foreign and native born ministers. Your committee recommend that he be excused, and that section 6 of chapter X be so amended as to read as follows:

No minister or licentiate coming from a foreign country shall be received as a member of this Synod until a colloquium with the ministerium, or a committee appointed by the president. But if an ordained minister comes, &c.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. KEPLINGER,
M. G. BOYER,
J. G. SCHMUCKER.

Adopted.

Resolved, That the president of this Synod be authorized to visit (at his earliest convenience) the town of Emporia, and organize the members of the Lutheran Church into a congregation, and endeavor to procure them a ministerial supply.

Adopted.

Report of committee No. 6: The committee to whom was referred a certain communication in the Lutheran and Missionary, of June 10th, 1869, signed "D. E.," would respectfully report that the subject is one properly belonging to the ministerium.

C. MARTIN,
J. B. MCAFEE,
J. G. GROENMILLER,
J. G. SCHMUCKER,
J. S. SCHELL.

The report was, on motion, adopted, and the matter was referred to the ministerium.

The auditing committee on the treasurer's report submitted the following:

Your committee would most respectfully report that they have examined the minutes of the last meeting of the Synod and find that the treasurer reports \$9 42 more in Synodical treasury than the footing up of the parochial reports; and \$2 75 more for home missions than is reported contributed at the Synodical meetings, and the report gives us no information as to the source of the surplus.

H. B. BELMER,
J. G. SCHMUCKER.

Adopted.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

TREASURER'S REPORT.

September 20th, 1869,	Dr.
To amount received for Synodical fund,	\$57 10
To amount received for home missions,	72 75
Total,	\$129 85
September 20th, 1869,	Cr.
By amount paid the president of the Synod,	\$129 85
Respectfully submitted,	
A. W. WAGENHALS, Treasurer.	

On motion, the Synod adjourned to meet at Lawrence, on the first Wednesday evening in October, 1870.

S. P. HARRINGTON, Secretary.

OFFICERS OF THE SYNOD OF KANSAS AND ADJACENT STATES.

PRESIDENT:

REV. A. J. HESSON, Topeka, Kansas.

SECRETARY:

REV. S. P. HARRINGTON, Grasshopper Falls, Kansas.

TREASURER:

REV. J. G. GROENMILLER.

APPENDIX.

REMARKS.	No charge No report Principal St. Joseph Y. L. Institute. No charge. No report. Religion medium. Prospects hopeful. Have set up our ban- ners with the watch- word, forward in the name of Jesus. No report; very sick. No report; health very poor. State of religion very good. No charge. Prospects encourage- ing. Services suspended for want of a church Without a pastor.	CONTRIBUTIONS					NEW MEMBERS				REMOVALS			ADMISSIONS			No. of churches			
		Value church property	Local objects	Foreign missions	Home missions	Synodical fund	No. of prayer meetings	Scholars	Teachers	Schools	Catechumens	No. of infant baptisms	No. of communicants	By excommunication	By letter	By death		By adult baptism	By letter or profession	By confirmation
Rev. J. G. Ellinger																				1
Rev. D. Earhart																				2
Rev. C. Martin																				1
Rev. J. B. McAfee																				1
Rev. F. R. Scherer																				1
Rev. S. P. Harrington																				3
Rev. H. B. Belmer																				1
Rev. J. G. Groenmiller																				1
Rev. C. F. W. Treptow																				1
Rev. L. Eicksecker																				1
Rev. A. J. Hesson																				1
Rev. A. W. Wagenhals																				2
Rev. E. J. Kepfinger																				1
M. G. Boyer																				1
Kansas City mission																				1

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SERVICES DURING SESSION OF SYNOD AT KANSAS CITY.

Lutheran Church—Rev. M. G. Boyer, Wednesday evening; Rev. J. B. McAfee, Thursday evening; Missionary meeting Friday evening, speeches by Revs. H. Bishop, Martin and Kuhns; Rev. H. Bishop, Saturday afternoon (preparatory sermon); Rev. H. W. Kuhns, Saturday evening; Rev. C. Martin, Sabbath morning (communion); Rev. A. J. Hesson, Sabbath evening.

Methodist Episcopal Church—Rev. D. S. Altman, Sabbath morning; Rev. A. J. Hesson, Sabbath evening.

Baptist Church—Rev. M. G. Boyer, Sabbath morning; Rev. E. J. Keplinger, Sabbath evening.

First Presbyterian Church—Rev. H. Bishop, Sabbath morning; Rev. H. B. Belmer, Sabbath evening.

Methodist Episcopal Church, South—Rev. A. J. Hesson, Sabbath morning; Rev. C. Martin, Sabbath evening.

Congregational Church—Rev. H. B. Belmer, Sabbath morning; Rev. S. P. Harrington, Sabbath evening.

Preaching on the street Sabbath afternoon by Revs. Harrington, Hesson and Altman.

Sunday school meeting Sunday afternoon. Addresses by Revs. H. W. Kuhns and C. Martin.

The Home Mission Society held its meeting, Friday evening, October 8th, 1869

Addresses were made by Revs. H. Bishop, Dr. C. Martin, and H. W. Kuhns.

Rev. Dr. Martin was made a life member of the General Synod's home mission society by the following contributors:

Rev. A. J. Hesson,	\$10 00
Rev. S. P. Harrington,	5 00
Rev. H. Bishop,	5 00
Bro. J. S. Schell,	5 00—\$25 00

Rev. A. J. Hesson was made a life member of the General Synod's home mission society by the following contributors:

Rev. C. Martin,	\$5 00
Bro. J. G. Schmucker,	5 00
Bro. J. H. Talbott,	5 00
Bro. C. R. Coleman,	5 00
Bro. G. W. Householder,	5 00—\$25 00

Mrs. Martha Schmucker was made a life member of the Kansas Synod's home mission society by the contributions of:

Rev. H. B. Belmer,	\$3 00
Rev. A. J. Hesson,	1 00
Rev. Dr. C. Martin,	1 00—\$5 00

Mrs. Maria Schell was made a life member of the Kansas Synod's home mission society by the contribution of

Rev. A. J. Hesson, \$5 00—\$5 00

Mrs. Sarah B. Coleman was made a life member of the Kansas Synod's home mission society by the contribution of

Rev. C. Martin, \$1 00

Rev. H. Bishop, 1 00

Rev. M. G. Boyer, 1 00

Bro. A. Raub, 2 00—\$5 00

Mrs. Louisa A. Knight was made a life member of the Kansas Synod's home mission society by the contribution of

Rev. H. W. Kuhns, \$5 00—\$5 00

Mrs. Mary F. Schell was made a life member of the Kansas Synod's home mission society by the contributions of

Mrs. Coleman, \$1 00

Rev. E. J. Keplinger, 1 00

Bro. G. W. Householder, 1 00

Rev. D. S. Altman, 1 00

Bro. J. H. Talbott, 1 00—\$5 00

Mrs. Rosanna Raub was made a life member of the Kansas Synod's home mission society by the contributions of

Bro. C. R. Coleman, \$2 00

Bro. J. H. Talbott, 1 00

Bro. J. G. Schmucker, 1 00

Bro. J. S. Schell, 1 00—\$5 00

Rev. J. G. Groenmiller was made a life member of the Kansas Synod's home mission society by the contribution of

Rev. W. H. Kuhns, \$5 00—\$5 00

Mrs. Henrietta Smith was made a life member of the Kansas Synod's home mission society by the contribution of

Mr. J. W. Knight, \$5 00—\$5 00

Contributed by Abby Wagenhals, \$3 00